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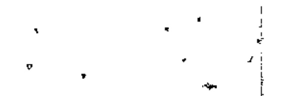
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CHAPTER III.

"I have come to see you about your sermon of yesterday morning," began Mr. Winter abruptly. "I consider what you said was a direct insult to me personally."

"Suppose I should say it was not so intended?" replied Philip, with a good natured smile.

"Then I should say you lied," replied Mr. Winter sharply.

Philip sat very still. And the two men eyed each other in silence for a moment. The minister reached out his hand and laid it on the other's arm, saying as he did so: "My brother, you certainly did not come [illegible] to accuse me unjustly of wronging you. I am willing to talk the matter over in a friendly spirit, but I will not listen to personal abuse."

There was something in the tone and manner of this declaration that subdued the millowner a little. He was an older man than Philip by 20 years, but a man of quick and ungoverned temper. He had come to see the minister while in a heat of passion, and the way Philip received him, the calmness and dignity of his attitude, thwarted his purpose. He wanted to find a man ready to quarrel. Instead he found a man ready to talk reason. Mr. Winter replied after a pause, during which he controlled himself by a great effort:

"I consider that you purposely selected me as guilty of conduct unworthy a church member and a Christian and made me the target of your [illegible]. And I wish to say that such preaching will never do in Calvary church while I am one of its members."

"Of course you refer to the matter of renting your property to saloon men and to halls for gambling and other evil uses," said Philip firmly. "Are you the only member of Calvary church who lets his property for such purposes?"

"It is not a preacher's business to pry into the affairs of his church members!" replied Mr. Winter, growing more excited again. "That is what I object to."

"In the first place, Mr. Winter," said Philip steadily, "let us settle the right and wrongs of the whole business. Is it right for a Christian man, a church member, to rent his property for saloons and vicious resorts where human life is ruined?"

"That is not the question."

"What is?" Philip asked, with his eyes wide open to the other's face.

Mr. Winter answered sullenly: "The question is whether our business affairs, those of other men with me, are to be dragged into the Sunday church services and made the occasion of personal attacks upon us. I for one will not sit and listen to any such preaching."

But aside from the matter of private business, Mr. Winter, let us settle whether what you and others are doing is right. Will you let the other matter rest a moment and tell me what is the duty of a Christian in the use of his property?"

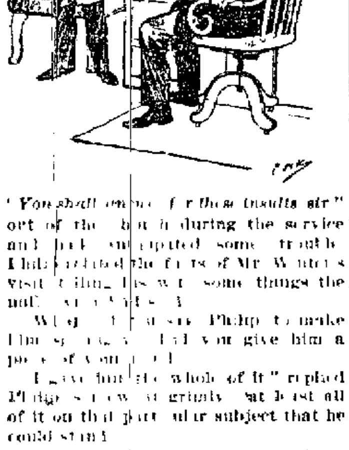
"It is my property, and if I or my agent chooses to rent it to another man in a legal business way, that is my affair. I do not recognize that you have anything to do with it."

"Not if I am convinced that you are doing what is harmful to the community and the church?"

"You have no business to meddle in our private affairs," replied Mr. Winter angrily. "And if you continue to pursue that method of preaching, I shall withdraw my support and most of the influential people [illegible] will follow my example."

It was a cowardly [illegible] of the [illegible] Philip more than if [illegible] physically slapped [illegible]. If there was anything in all the world that stirred Philip to his [illegible] of feeling, it was an intimation that he was in the ministry [illegible] salary, and so must [illegible] support of the members who were able to pay largely. He [illegible] fingers around the arms of his study chair until his nails bent [illegible] word. His [illegible] in his face, although the voice was calm enough.

"Mr. Winter, [illegible] matter of [illegible] with me. [illegible] hope that [illegible] right to rent his property [illegible] than he has to run a saloon. [illegible] And as long as I live I shall also [illegible] it is a minister's duty to preach to his church [illegible] upon matters which [illegible]



"You shall answer for these insults, sir!"

[illegible] out of the [illegible] during the service and [illegible] some trouble. [illegible] related the facts of Mr. Winter's visit, telling his wife some things the [illegible]

"What [illegible] Philip to make [illegible] give him a piece of your mind?"

"I gave him the whole of it," replied Philip [illegible] grimly, "at least all of it on that part of the subject that he could stand."

"Oh, dear! It seems too bad to have this trouble come so soon! What will Mr. Winter do? He is very wealthy and influential. Do you think—are you sure that in this matter you have done just right, just for the best, Philip? It is going to be very unpleasant for you."

"Well, Sarah, I would not do differently from what I have done. What have I done? I have simply preached God's truth as I plainly see it to my church. And if I do not do that, what business have I in the ministry at all? I regret this personal encounter with Mr. Winter, but I don't see how I could have avoided it."

"Did you lose your temper?"

"[illegible] in the kitchen."

[illegible] It was Mr. Winter's [illegible] heart [illegible] when he [illegible]

[illegible] to pray over the [illegible]

"[illegible] I do not think he was in a praying [illegible]"

[illegible]

Mrs. Strong looked distressed [illegible] was going over in [illegible] the probable result of Mr. Winter's [illegible] to the minister [illegible] very serious [illegible]

"What do you suppose Mr. Winter will do?" Mrs. Strong asked.

"[illegible] withdraw his [illegible] paying [illegible] the same."

"[illegible] I shouldn't wonder if [illegible]"

"[illegible] It will be [illegible] Philip. It will [illegible]"

[illegible]

"[illegible] We must leave results to God. I am sorry [illegible] not possible for [illegible] standing and living [illegible]," Philip spoke [illegible]

[illegible]

"Well, I want [illegible]"

[illegible]

He pondered over these questions as he quietly but rapidly went along with his work. He was anxious as the days went on that trouble was brewing for him. It has hurt him in a way hard to explain, but his sensitive spirit felt the cut like a lash on a sore place.

When Sunday came he went into his pulpit and faced the largest audience he had yet seen in Calvary church. As is often the case, people who had heard of his previous sermon on Sunday thought he would preach another like it. Instead of that he preached a sermon on the Love of God for the world. In one way the large audience was disappointed. It had come to [illegible] sensation fed, and Philip had not given it anything of the kind. [illegible] it was profound [illegible] prayer and sweetness of [illegible]

[illegible]

CHAPTER IV.

Pursuing the plan he had originally mapped out when he came to Milton, he spent [illegible] in the afternoons studying [illegible] of the town [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Philip came away from [illegible]

He [illegible] several of the prominent [illegible] hoping to enlist [illegible] against the [illegible]. He met with an unexpected [illegible] in a form [illegible]. One prominent citizen said:

"Mr. Strong, you will ruin your [illegible] if you attack the saloons. [illegible] I'll tell you why. [illegible] in Milton in the matter of political power. The city election comes off [illegible] next month. The [illegible] are dependent for election on the votes of the saloon men and their following. You will cut your head off, sure, if you come out against them in public. Why, there's [illegible] half a dozen men in your church who are up for office in the coming election. They can't be elected without the votes of the saloons, and they know it. [illegible] Mr. Strong. The saloon [illegible] anything in Milton for [illegible] years. It is as much a part of the town as the churches or schools, and I tell you it is a power!"

"What!" cried Philip in unbounded astonishment, "do you tell me, you a leading citizen of this town of 50,000 inhabitants, that the saloon power has grown to this extent on the civic and social life of the place, and you are willing to sit down and let this devil of crime and ruin throttle you and not raise a finger to expel the monster? Is it possible? It is not in Christian America that such a state of affairs in our political life should be endured."

"Nevertheless," replied the business man, "those are the facts. And you will simply dash your own life out against a wall of solid rock if you try to fight this evil. You have my warning."

"May I not also have your help?" cried Philip, hungry of soul for companionship in the struggle which he saw was coming.

"It would ruin my business to come out against the saloon," replied the man frankly.

"And what is that?" cried Philip earnestly. "It has already ruined far more that ought to be dear to you. Man, man, what are money and business compared with your own flesh and blood? Do you know where your own son was two nights ago? In one of the vilest of the vile holes in this city, which you, a father, license to another man to destroy the life of your own child! I saw him there myself, and my heart ached for him and you. It is the necessary truth. Will you not join with me to wipe out this curse in society?"

The merchant trembled and his lips quivered at mention of his son, but he replied:

"I cannot do what you want, Mr. Strong, but you can count on my sympathy if you make the fight." Philip finally went away, his soul tossed on a wave of mountain proportions and growing more and more crested with foam and wrath as the first Sunday of the month drew near, and he realized that the battle was one that he must wage single handed in a town of 50,000 people.

He was not so destitute of support as he thought. There were many mothers' hearts in Milton that had ached and prayed in agony long years that the Almighty would come with his power and sweep the curse away. But Philip had not been long enough in Milton to know the entire sentiment of the people. He had so far touched only the church through its representative pulpits and a few of the leading business men, and the result had been almost to convince him that very little help could be expected from the public generally. He was appalled to find out what a tremendous hold the whisky men had on the business and politics of the place. It was a revelation to him of their power. The whole thing seemed to him like a travesty of free government and a terrible commentary on the boasted Christianity of the century.

So when he walked into the pulpit the first Sunday of the month he felt his message burning in his heart and on his lips as never before. It seemed beyond all question that if Christ was pastor of Calvary church he would speak out in plain denunciation of the whisky power. And so after the opening part of the service Philip rose to speak, facing an immense audience that overflowed the galleries and [illegible] sat upon the pulpit platform. Such a crowd had never been seen in Calvary church before.

Philip had not announced his subject, but there was an expectation on the part of many that he was going to denounce the saloon. In the two months that he had been preaching in Milton he had attracted great attention. His audience this morning represented a great many different kinds of people. Some came out of curiosity. Others came because the crowd was going that way. So it happened that Philip faced a truly representative audience of Milton people. As his eye swept over the house he saw four of the six members of his church who were up for office at the coming election in two weeks.

For an hour Philip spoke as he had never spoken in all his life before. [illegible] At the close [illegible] of the power of the church [illegible] and showed [illegible] the victory [illegible] if it were only [illegible]

"Men and women of Milton, fathers [illegible] citizens," he said, "this [illegible] must be driven out [illegible] Christian people of this [illegible] and fight it [illegible] its clutch on business [illegible] an institution that never gives [illegible] of its enormous wealth to [illegible] colleges or homes for [illegible] an institution that has the [illegible] the murderer, the harlot, the gambler [illegible] brand of the devil's own forging in the furnace [illegible] This institution [illegible] this town of Milton [illegible] honest citizens [illegible] church members [illegible] in order to gain place in politics, and ministers of the gospel [illegible] its hideous influence [illegible] It is high time we faced this monster of iniquity and drove it out of the stronghold it has occupied so long.

"I wish you could have gone with me this past week and witnessed some of the sights I have seen. No, I retract that statement. I would not wish that any father or mother had had the heartache that I have felt as I contemplated the ruins of young lives crumbling into the decay of premature debility, mocking the manhood that God gave them in the intoxicating curse of drunkenness. What have I seen? O ye fathers! O ye mothers! Do you know what is going on in this place of 60 saloons licensed by your own act and made legal by your own will? You, madam, and you, sir, who have covenanted together in the fellowship and discipleship of the purest institution of God on earth, who have sat here in front of this pulpit and partaken of the emblems which remind you of your Redeemer, where are your sons, your brothers, your lovers, your friends? They are not here this morning. The church does not have any hold on them. They are growing up to disregard the duties of good citizenship. They are walking down the broad avenue of destruction, and what is this town doing to prevent it? I have seen young men from what are called the best homes in this town reel in and out of gilded temples of evil, oaths on their lips and passion in their looks, and the cry of my soul has gone up to Almighty God that the church and the home might combine their mighty force to drive the whisky demon out of our municipal life so that we might feel the curse of it again never more.

"I speak to you today in the name of my Lord and Master. It is impossible for me to believe that if that Christ of God were standing here this morning he would advise the licensing of this corruption as the most feasible or expedient method of dealing with it. I cannot imagine him using the argument that the saloon must be licensed for the revenue that may be gained from it to support the school system. I cannot imagine Christ taking any other position before the whisky power than that of uncompromising condemnation. He would say it was evil and only evil and therefore to be opposed by every legal and moral restriction that society could rear against it. In his name, speaking as I believe he would speak if he were here this moment, I solemnly declare the necessity on the part of every disciple of Christ in every church in Milton of placing himself decidedly and persistently and at once in open battle against the saloon until it is destroyed, until its power in business, politics and society is a thing of the past, until we have rid ourselves of the foul viper which has so many years trailed its slimy folds through our homes and our schools.

"Citizens, Christians, church members, I call on you today to take up arms against the common foe of that we hold dear in church, home and state. I know there are honest business men who have long writhed in secret at the ignominy of the halter about their necks by which they have been led. There are citizens who have the best interests of the community at heart who have hung their heads in shame of American politics seeing this brutal whisky element dictating the government of the towns and parceling out their patronage and managing their funds and enormous stealings of the people's money. I know there are church members who have felt in their hearts the deep shame of bowing the knee to this gain god in order to make advancement in political life. And I call on all these today to rise with me and begin a fight against the entire saloon business and whisky rule in Milton until by the help of the Lord of Hosts we have got us the victory. Men, women, brothers, sisters in the great family of God on earth, will you sit tamely down and worship the great beast of this country? Will you not rather gird your swords upon your thighs and go out to battle against this blasphemous Philistine who has defied the armies of the living God? I have spoken my message. Let us ask the wisdom and power of the Divine to help us."

Philip's prayer was almost painful in its intensity of feeling and expression. The audience sat in deathly silence, and when he pronounced the amen of the benediction it was several moments before any one stirred to leave the church.

Philip went home completely exhausted. He had put into his sermon all of himself and had called up all his reserve power, a thing he was not often guilty of doing and for which he condemned himself on this occasion. But it was past, and he could not recall it. He was not concerned as to the results of his sermon. He had long believed that if he spoke the message God gave him he was not to grow anxious over the outcome of it.

This time Philip fell.

But the people of Milton were deeply stirred by the address. They were not in the habit of hearing that kind of preaching. And what was more, the whisky element was roused. It was not in the habit of having its authority attacked [illegible] almost savage [illegible] for years its sway had been [illegible] It had insolently established itself in power until even those [illegible] who knew its thoroughly evil [illegible] the belief that nothing better than licensing it was possible [illegible] that the saloon could be [illegible] removed [illegible] driven out altogether [illegible] before been advocated in Milton. The conviction that whether it could be [illegible] it ought to be suppressed had never gained ground with any number of people. They had endured it as a necessary evil. Philip's sermon therefore fell something like a bomb into the whisky camp. [illegible] But Philip spoke from the pulpit of the largest church in Milton. The whisky men knew that if the churches should all unite to fight them they would [illegible] in the end probably drive them out. Philip went home that Sunday night after the evening service with several bitter enemies. The whisky men contributed one element. Some of his own church members made up another. He had struck again at the same sore spot which he had wounded the month before. In his attack on the saloon as an institution he had again necessarily condemned all those members of his church who rented property to the whisky element. Again [illegible] those property holders went from the hearing of the sermon angry that they as well as the saloon power were under indictment.

As Philip entered on the week's work after that eventful sermon he began to feel the pressure of public feeling against him. He began to realize the bitterness of championing a lost cause alone. He felt the burden of the community's sin in the matter, and more than once he felt obliged to go in from his parish work and go up into his study, there to [illegible] with his Father. He was growing old very fast in these first few weeks in his new parish.

Tuesday evening of that week Philip had been writing a little while in his study, where he had gone immediately after supper. It was nearly 8 o'clock when he happened to remember that he had promised a sick [illegible] in the home of one of his parishioners that he would come and see him that very day.

He came down stairs, put on his hat and overcoat and told his wife where he was going.

"It's not far. I shall be back in about half an hour, Sarah."

He went out, and his wife held the door open until he was down the steps. She was just on the point of shutting the door as he started down the sidewalk when a sharp report rang out close by. She screamed and flung the door open again as by the light of the street lamp she saw Philip stagger and then leap into the street toward an elm tree which grew almost opposite the parsonage. When he was about in the middle of the street she was horrified to see a man step out boldly from behind the tree, raise a gun and deliberately fire at Philip again. This time Philip fell and did not rise. His tall form lay where the rays of the street lamp shone on it, and he had fallen so that as his arms stretched out there he made the figure of a huge and prostrate cross.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Getting Acquainted

The family had occupied the dwelling about a day and a half, and the mistress thereof was putting a carpet down in the sitting room when there came a ring at the doorbell.

She hastened to the front door and opened it. A smiling woman greeted her.

"Good morning," said the caller. "This is Mrs. Murkley, I presume?"

"Yes."

"I am Mrs. Pergallup, your next door neighbor."

"Glad to see you. Will you come in?"

"Thanks. I believe I will step in for a little while."

"You will find us all torn up, of course. We haven't begun to get things in shape yet."

"Now, don't you apologize, Mrs. Murkley. I know all about this thing of moving."

"It's an awful job, isn't it?"

"Terrible. I sometimes tell Mr. Pergallup I'd almost rather have a spell of sickness than to move. Two moves are about as bad as a fire. Well, I thought I'd drop in and get acquainted. Could you lend me a cupful of coffee?"—Chicago Tribune.

Food Elements In Fruit

Sugar, starch, gum, dextrin, pectose, saccharifiable cellulose, organic acids and other extractive matters are, together with water, the chief elements in pulp fruits. The sugar is assimilable and is a food. Fruits which contain most of it, as bananas, dates and figs, are true hydrocarbonated foods. Extractive matters are also nourishing, but in a less degree, as they are not so digestible. With these and other rare exceptions, however, fruits, in the opinion of M. Balland, are little nutritive and cannot be considered as food. Their juices, which please us by their smell or acidity, are condiments rather than foods.

No Excuse For Chimneys

Notwithstanding that we have [illegible] ages ceased to exist [illegible] ments, having abandoned forever old fashioned fireplaces with their [illegible] and cinders, the said fireplace is still with us in every new house that is built. Its open throat leads the [illegible] draft up the chimney, and the same old result follows [illegible] There is no excuse for a chimney or fireplace in a modern house heated from the cellar. The gas log is a sarcasm and a sham.—New York Press.

Professional Jealousy

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Whence Its Value

Hicks—You know what [illegible] golf [illegible]

Wicks—That means it is very [illegible] because it is so scarce.—Boston Transcript.

[illegible] J. K. Hogarth.

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Announcements.

The MINER is authorized to announce the name of W. P. Beckwith of Farmers Valley as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican caucus.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce me as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Democratic caucus.

FRANK MCGILL.

Farmers Valley, Jan. 2, 1900.

Chaiman Jones of the Democratic National Committee now talks of regulating trusts rather then smashing them.

If United States Senator Hoar would make one more speech favoring the seating of M. S. Quay on the governor's appointment in the United States Senate Quay would, be so far up Salt River that Bryan would not be able to discover his whereabouts, when he, Bryan, sails up there next fall on his free silver platform.

The difficulties which surround the men who are trying to frame legislation to regulate trusts are illustrated by the fact that the British government, with its strong neutralization finds it impossible to draft legislation to control trusts, which are quite as prevalent and successful in that country as in the United States.

Mr. Bryan will please make a note, for use in his eastern converting tour, that on January 2 of the new year the wages of 25,000 Pittsburg steel and glass operatives were advanced five and ten per cent., and in some cases even more. Under Mr. Bryan's method this occurrence can doubtless be explained into a misfortune.

Democratic spellbinders are now evolving a theory to show the disadvantage of increased wages. Higher wages, they will say, mean, of course, greater cost of production and necessitate a higher charge for manufactured articles, and the farmer is therefore compelled to mortgage his farm to buy silk hats and rosewood hayrakes.

Last Friday's North American made the startling discovery that on March 18, 1898, the day before the primaries were held in Blair county, Ex-Senator M. S. Quay sent 245 private messages to his henchmen in that county for which the government was compelled to pay about $75. A short time ago, when discovery was imminent, Mr. Quay paid the bill.

The action of the administration in bringing about an "open door" agreement among nations with reference to our commerce with China has awakened general interest in our trade with the Orient and its prospective development, and many leading men in the Democratic party, both North and Sonth, are cordially commending the course of the government in its efforts to develop our foreign trade in that part of the world.

The effort of the free-traders to veil their attacks upon the protective tariff, which has brought activity to thousands of factories and given employment and better wages to several million American workingmen, under the guise of an anti-trust crusade in the coming campaign will not succeed. All that is necessary to do is to point to a flourishing conditions of trusts in Great Britain, well known as the home of free trade.

The reciprocity treaties which have been framed under the McKinley administration and are now before the Senate, will, if ratified by the foreign governments as well as our own, increase very greatly the exportation of farm products, their principal object having been to obtain reduced tariff rates on articles of agricultural production, both in European countries and in the West Indian islands with which they have been negotiating.

Some of the western railroads are complaining that, after their making great efforts to secure adequate transportation, the farmers are holding their grain instead of shipping it. This is interesting when it is recalled that a few years ago the farmers were not able to hold their crops until prices suited them, but were forced to sell at the earliest possible moment to enable them to pay their debts incurred under Democratic rule. The farmers are enjoying their share of the present good times.

In spite of the fact that the Philadelphia Inquirer calls every Republican in the state, who does not swallow Quay and the machine a party wrecker, character wrecker and all other terms that can be thought of, strange as it may seem the head and leader of the ballot box stuffers, Sam Salter, is a staunch supporter of Quay and without question his tools are of the same belief. The MINER hopes that District Attorney Rothermal, The North American and Phila. Press will continue the fight on these reprobates until all get their just dues.

The dirty, scurrilous and uncalled for attack of the Bradford correspondent of Vart Land of last week, published at Jamestown, N. Y., against County Commissioners Peterson and Boardman and Attorney G. B. Mayo can only result in acting as a boomerang, that is, return to the sender and, if possible, lower him in the estimation of all fair-minded people. The gentlemen above mentioned are too well and favorably known to be in any sense injured by such rot. It is doubtful if there is a newspaper in the country that would have stooped to publish this uncalled for attack upon the board of county commissioners and their counsel. But a careful perusal between the lines plainly discloses the fact that the appointments cut the machine to the quick and the wounded bird flutters in its death throes through a newspaper published over the state line.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The Democratic attempt to play politics with the relations between the U. S. Treasury and those national banks chosen not by favoritism, but because they put up U. S. bonds to secure the government from loss, as depositories for money collected for internal revenue taxation, was one of the flatest failures in congress. Instead of delaying action on the resolutions calling for all the correspondence between those national banks and the secretary of the treasury, as the Democrats were foolish enough to hope they would do, the Republicans in both House and Senate assisted in putting the resolutions through, and Secretary Gage promptly put a force of clerks to copying the records, in order that no time might be lost in putting the information before congress and the country. Instead of being opposed to furnishing this information, Secretary Gage was glad of being furnished an official opportunity for showing exactly how and why he had without risk to the government, which is paid for internal revenue taxes, instead of hoarding it in the treasury and cramping the business of the country. Instead of making Democratic political capital, the Democrats have added to the esteem in which the administration is held by the business interests of the country, which know that our present prosperity isn't accidental, but the result of well-defined policies.

The House will this week begin with the appropriation bills, the urgency deficiency bill, mostly made up of items for the War Deparrment, made necessary by the revolt in the Philippines, being first on the list.

Senator Hoar made a speech to day on his Philippine resolution, in which he said much calculated to encourage the Filipinos to continue their revolt against the U. S. This elicited applause from the Democratic senators and caused regret to many of Senator Hoar's oldest and most sincere admirers. No one who knows the man doubts the sincerity of his opinion, but if ever there was a case of mistaken judgment, it is his. He refuses to see that it would be dishonorable and cowardly for the U. S. to abandon the Philippines not to mention the commercial disadvantage to America that would follow such an abandonment; that the whole civilized world looks to us to give to the Philippines good government.

The greater part of the present week will be devoted by the Roberts committee to hearing legal arguments. Ex-Secretary Carlisle leading counsel against Roberts, began his argument to-day and he has until Wednesday to finish it. Then Roberts will be given an opportunity to reply, although he has already consumed two days in argument, which may be summed up in a sentence: The House has no right to deny him the seat. The committee may report late this week, but it is more likely to wait until next week.

The routine work of congress, such as the preparation of the appropriation bills, etc, is much more rapidly done than it used to be. For instance the House Committee on Indian Affairs, under the old method, when the time came for getting the annual appropriation bill in shape, would request the Indian Commissioner and several of his subordinates to come to the capitol; then questions were certain to be asked that could not be answered without consulting the records, and much time was lost. Now, the committee meets in a room at the Indian Bureau, gets all the information it requires from the records direct and gets the bill, which is a troublesome one, ready in about one-fourth the time it used to require.

Secretary Wilson said of Secretary Hay's great diplomatic triumph in securing guarantees from the leading European nations of the perpetual maintenance of the "open door" at all Chinese ports, which he declared supplements the work done by the army and navy and secured our trade relations with China: "A year ago no nation would have listened to a proposition of this kind, but the whole world listens to the U. S. now. Some idea of the vastness of the interests involved, may be gained from the fact that while ten years ago, our exports from the Pacific coast to all countries aggregated $26,000,000, and five years ago $42,000,000, the steady increase in Pacific coast exports had raised the aggregate to $73,000,000 a year ago."

The decision of the Senate Committee on Elections to report against Mr. Quay's right to be seated, was no surprise, and will not affect the final disposition of the case. It has been known for some time, that Senator Burrows would vote with the Democrats, against Mr. Quay, and his vote was a majority, as this committee was not included in those upon which the Republican majority was recently increased to accord with the Republican membership of the senate. How soon the report will be made to the senate will depend upon how soon the case of Senator Clark, of Mont., charged with bribery, which is now being heard by the Committee, is disposed of. Mr. Quay's friends are still confident that he will be seated by the senate.

Props Needed.

The tottering, rotten Quay machine finds its hands full at the present time and the few newspapers in the state that are upholding the machine are kept busy inventing excuses for the many disclosures that are made daily. The month of January will give the machine henchmen constant employment. In Harrisburg the Legislature bribery cases will keep them busy. In Philadelphia the ballot box stuffers, reporters, assessors who pad their lists, and jury bribers will give steady employment to a large force of the faithful followers of Quay who would vote and work for the devil if he received the nomination. Likewise in Washington D. C., a large force of the same ilk is striving to force the doors of the United States Senate open to permit Quay to enter. Doors which Quay and Penrose have assisted in closing heretofore to keep out men who held only the governor's credentials for a mission. But they will fail. Then a few Quay newspapers are kept busy smoothing over the discovery of the sending by Quay of 247 private telegrams to Blair county friends on the 18th of March, 1898, the day before the primaries were held in that county, for which the government paid about $60. But when the disclosure was made some time ago Quay sent his man "Friday," to fix it up. These papers allege that it was a mistake. Strange that almost two years should elapse before it was discovered. Strange, also, that a man would send $60 worth of telegrams in one day and should for almost two years forget all about it until reminded of it by the newspapers. There is no question but what the Quay camp is a busy place at the present time and prop timber commands a good price.

Ex State Senator O. C. Allen, of Warren has announced his candidacy for Congress in this district. The Mirror says Mr. Allen will have the solid support of Warren county.

The New Century.

There are quite a number of people who are so skeptical as to when the 20th century will commence that the MINER clips the following from the New York Herald, written by Camille Flammarian, the well known French astronomer:

In the Christian era the first 12 months are called the first year, or the year 1.

When Christ came into the world no one suspected the importance of his coming, nor the place which the religion that he was to found would take in the political history of the nations. The year of his birth passed unperceived by the Romans as by the Hebrews.

Even the first century of Christianity and the second, third, fourth and fifth had no place in the calendar.

It was only in the year 532 that the Christian era was proposed by a monk of the Roman church, born in Scythia, named Dionysius, who, on account of his short stature was nicknamed Dionysius the Little, or Dionysius Exiguus.

It was he who constituted the Christian era. That, as has been seen, was only in the sixth century. He supposed that Christ was born on December 25, in the year of Rome 753, and the year 754 of the foundation of Rome became the first of the Christian era.

The first year was not, therefore, even in the idea of Dionysius, that of the birth of Christ. Its beginning was seven days posterior to his birth.

The monk Dionysius, made in his historical researches a mistake of four years, which can easily be verified, as the date of the death of Herod is accurately known.

Christ was born in the year of Rome 749, not in 753, and died at the age of 37, not 33, and the whole Christian era is four years too young.

But it would certainly be inconvenient to change it, although this mistake has been known for some centuries. It is already referred to in the dissertations mentioned, whose Christian era has been kept as it was proposed by Dionysius the Little. It is sufficient if people are agreed. It is clearly a matter of convention.

But whatever date be adopted for the beginning of Christian era, there was no year 0.

Therefore the first year is the year 1. The 10th year is 10, and the 100th year of the century is the year 100.

Put in this form, the problem does not leave a shadow of doubt in the minds of the reader. Nothing in the world could be simpler.

When the French revolution created a new calendar it acted in the same way. It did not think of the year 0. It called its first year the year 1.

What appears to deceive certain minds, probably superficial, at least as far as chronology is concerned, is the change in the two first figures of the century—the figures 1799 to 1800, 1899 to 1900, etc. In these '99 years there is a change from 17 to 18 and from 18 to 19. This is true, but there is no other difference than that which makes the change from 9 to 10 and from No. 99 to No. 100—that is to say, to the completion of a decade or century.

In the decimal system a decade goes from 1 to 10, a century from 1 to 100.

There have also been variations in the date of the beginning of the year, which has been placed sometimes at January 1 and sometimes at December 25, which was more logical from the Christian point of view, for the Circumcision is evidently merely an incident. Sometimes it has been placed at the conception of Christ, otherwise the Annunciation, logically fixed by the church at nine months from December 25; sometimes at Easter, the festival of the Resurrection and of spring.

On the other hand, the year was shortened by 10 days in 1582 to bring the calendar into agreement with astronomy, but all this does not prevent the last day of 1900 from being the last of the 19th century.

It may be seen by reading the papers that there are still dissenters in Paris, in the provinces and abroad

These simply complain that the first year is called the year 1, instead of the year 0, but it was thus that the calendar was drawn up.

Dionysius the Little did not put the figure 1 after, but during the first year, and the first year was called the year 1.

It is, therefore, on December 31, 1900, at midnight, precisely, that the century will end, and fall in its turn into an abyss of the past to make room for the new century.

The Case of Salter and Others.

The indictment by the grand jury of the several persons, including ex-Representative and present Deputy Coroner Salter, accused of election frauds in the Thirteenth Division of the Seventh Ward, is another and encouraging step in the movement to punish ballot box stuffing in this city. The indictments thus promptly returned cover every phase of the crime of which the accused are charged

It is a significant fact that only a few of the large number of witnesses summoned to go before the grand jury were required to convince that body that it was its duty to find true bills. The remaining witnesses doubtless will be heard at the trial, and many more who were not summoned for the preliminary proceedings. District Attorney Rothermel has shown a thoroughness in the management of these cases which, added to his evident earnestness to secure the just punishment of any who may be detected in election crimes, whether high or low, has greatly increased a popular confidence in him which was always deservedly strong. He has not failed to appreciate the difficulties to be encountered, and he displays an understanding of the formidable character of the conspiracy organized and maintained to cheat the people at the ballot box.

The District Attorney gained a signal victory for justice when he secured the order for opening the ballot boxes. The contents of the boxes furnish a good deal of the evidence upon which these cases will be tried. The action of yesterday means more than the indictment of the accused in the Seventh Ward case, for it clearly foreshadows a similar result in the Fifth Ward case when that shall be reached. An incorruptible Grand Jury has been found to help the District Attorney in the work of eradicating election crime in Philadelphia by making such crimes too dangerous to undertake. There is nothing now more certain than that all these men will go to their trial before a jury.

All that is demanded is that a verdict shall be rendered in accordance with the evidence. That there have been ballot box frauds of the most appalling magnitude is no longer doubted by any intelligent citizen. That these crimes have resulted in many tens of thousands of dishonest votes counted and returned at a single election is equally well understood. Those who are shown by the evidence to be guilty must suffer the severest penalty under the law. That attempts will be made to prevent justice, even to the extent of tampering with the jury, may be expected, for those who will stuff the ballot box will commit the no more heinous crime of stuffing the jury box should that be possible.

But the way in which the District Attorney is managing these important cases, which are watched by the people of the whole state, is an assurance that every possible precaution is taken to secure a verdict in exact accordance with the evidence; that no one who is innocent shall suffer, and that no one who is guilty shall escape.

Certain political prophets are now talking of the possible candidacy of Col. Olson of Smethport, for a place in the Legislature, from McKean county.—Saturday's Era. A mistake. Olson is not a candidate for any office.

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THIRD LEADER 20 patterns in heavy plush carpets, with handsome borders. The newest colors and designs at $1.10 and $1.25.

FOURTH SPECIAL 11 patterns in Wilton carpets at $1.60. These are fine goods and are the newest goods.

A large line of cheaper goods: Ingrains 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c to 75c. [illegible] patterns in [illegible] 45c. Tapestry brussels at 50c, 60c, 70c and 75c. [illegible] patterns in rugs [illegible] feet in Jute, Smyrna, Axminsters, Wilton, Brussels, &c. Everything you would expect to find in an up-to-date carpet and drapery stock at lowest prices. Correspondence solicited.

On $20 purchase or over we allow railroad fare one way.

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THE OLD RELIABLE

FURNITURE DEALERS.

Are better prepared than ever to fill your wants in their line. Their stock is full and complete. Their prices at rock-bottom.

Do not fail to give them a call.

UNDEPTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

OYSTERS

The Best at *Brasted's*

THE OLD AND THE NEW WAY.

Duz cash make any difference? Let us C. The man that sells for cash turns hiz money over many times with many small profits. He saves the wear and tear or brain work in book work, the worry & wear or collecting bad debts. U, I & al feel better for paying cash. U live mor within your means than U would otherwise. Your merchant duz not hav 2 charg U 2 or 3 prices for hiz goods to mak up for what the tricky, rascally scalawag haz wrought him out or. He must make larger profits or go under. Remember our rules are strict & will B lived up 2. U must not ask me for time for I positively will not giv it 2 U. The rich & poor wil B treated the same. Al goods must B paid for on or B4 delivery. If cash iz not ready when goods R delivered, my man wil B instructed 2 bring them back with him, no matter how rich or good pay the parties R. I wil sel so close that it wil B an object for U 2 pa cash. Any goods that do not suit, U can return. I shall keep the cheep & the better class or goods & try & pleas U al. Al our groceries R nu & fresh stock, rec'd this week.

Flour.

T. & C.'s best flour $1.[illegible]

Scouller's Best & Patent $1.15.

Graham flour 20c sack

Oil City Buckwheat flour 3c lb

Oat meal 4c lb. or 8 lbs for 25c

Groceries.

Best boneless salt pork 8c lb.

Best bacon [illegible]

Best California hams 8c lb.

Best hams 10c lb.

3-lb pail lard 7c lb.

5-lb sax best pure gran sugar 5½c lb.

Butter, fine dairy, 27c.

Oyster & Soda crakers fresh & good, 4 lbs 25c or 7c lb. Butter cracker 8c lb.

Vegetables.

Onions 60c bu, 20c pk, 2c lb

Cabbage 2½c lb.

Potatoes 50c bu.

Parsnip 3c lb.

Canned Goods.

Oak mill hand-picked tomatoes 9c, 3 for 25c.

Hamburg solid meat tomatoes 11c, or 3 for 30c

Lake Shore pumpkin 9c can, 3 for 25c.

Shoe peg sugar corn 9c, 3 for 25c.

Red Seal Sugar corn 9c or 3 for 25c.

Spring garden stringless beans 9c, 3 for 25c.

Harbor City peas [illegible]

Baking molasses 15c.

Dove brand refined molasses 17c

Pure maple molasses [illegible]

Golden glory fancy table syrup 10c.

Bottled Goods.

Spiced pickles 10c doz. Best 20c bottle pickles 10c bottle.

Select Spanish olives 13c.

Catsup, [illegible] sizes go at 5c

Smith Bro's 15c vanilla & lemon strax go at [illegible]

Game cock salmon [illegible]

Alaska pink salmon 10c

American sardines 4c can, fine imported 13c.

Jellies in fancy glass tumblers, al flavors, go at 5c.

For the Ladies:

12 doz spring felt curtains go at 12c each, four colors.

White enameled [illegible] curtain poles 20c.

Ladies' wrappers, the $2.25 goods go at $1.45.

Under and over skirts are bargains; also a few bargains in capes.

We hav a nu line ov ladies' $[illegible] shoes that we sel at $1.50.

We have just rec'd a lot of Flannelette dress goods, 10 & 12 yd patterns, that we sel at 8c yd. Just about ½ price.

Dress plaids that U usually pay [illegible] yd for we sel at 9c yd.

Fancy 25c plaids go at 19c. These R bargains, mostly 10 & 12 yd patterns.

Remember our closing out sale of small size shop worn shoes, less than ½ price. These R mostly hand turned shoes made 2 sel at $3.75 pair. Sizes mostly [illegible]

Also bargains in [illegible] corsets, $1.00 goods go for [illegible]

Tinware Department.

We almost [illegible]

We [illegible]

[illegible]

Heavy [illegible]

Gray wash dish 25c.

Gray slop pail [illegible]

[illegible] tin pail 15c [illegible]

Tubular lanterns No. [illegible] go at 50c worth $1 most [illegible]. Wash board [illegible]

4-qt tin tea or coffee pot 15c. All other tinware at correspondingly low prices.

Remember we sel the best copper nickel tea & coffee pots & other goods in this line less than U can buy elswhere.

Boot and Shoo Department.

We hav a fu pair ov boys' leather boots, $2.50 goods, sizes 5 & 6 go at 50c to $1.50 pair.

We also sell men's artics or over shoes at $1.25. U wil pay elsewhere $1.40 to $1.60 for these goods.

We hav a long-leg'd felt sho, protected by leather, that we sell at $2.93, worth $3.50.

Just rec'd, men's extra heavy top'd work shoes at $2.25.

Children's heavy shoes at less than U can buy elswhere. Remember we undersel & get cash. This is why U should buy of the Ol' Man Racket.

Hip & short top rubber boots.

Clock & Fancy Goods Department.

We sel the sunrise alarm at 85c, not $1.25.

The 8 da strike go at $2.25, with calendar $2.[illegible]

Fancy bisk goods and mantel ornaments, the largest & cheapest stock in town.

Furniture.

Couches $[illegible] to $16 5c.

High back chairs $4.55 set 6; cane bottoms $5.75

[illegible] rockers $2.25 to $4.50

Wood & iron beds & bed springs, 8-foot extension tables, folding cots and small sq. top tables.

Miscellaneous Goods.

We keep hors blankets & robes.

We do not charg U 5c for a [illegible] strap, but 3c wil do. Other sizes in proportion.

[illegible] cards, curry combs and brushes.

Hame straps 12 & 15c.

Surcingles and sweat pads, whip & bits.

Mrs. Potts' sad irons $1.15 set, wil cost U $1.40 or $1.50 elswhere. Handles for same 10c.

Clothes pins 1c doz.

Hand saws, meat saws & cross cut saws, also go devils at 13c lb.

All files 1c an inch, guaranteed. Why pa mor? Kum 2 the Racket, we wil sav U money.

Remember these prices only hold good whil this lot of goods lasts. All goods R advancing & az we hav 2 pay mor we wil hav 2 charg U mor.

A. E. STICKLES,

Sprague Block, Smethport, Pa. East Smetport, Pa.

WE SELL DINNER SETS BY THE PIECE.

Many of our best dinner sets are now purchased in "open stock" patterns for the convenience of those who wish to buy in installments.

You can get one piece or a dozen, and match them at any time. Many of our customers are doing this, and they are gradually completing sets better than they might ever have afforded otherwise. Sets at all prices in this way.

We carry one hundred styles of dinner sets, all sold under warrant not to craze. All Haviland's latest styles are here. All imported china comes to us direct from the makers. In this way we save a large percentage for you.

Dinner Sets from $6.75 to $250.

Housekeepers' Helps.

There is everything here that can help a housekeeper—perhaps a hundred helpful articles that you know nothing about.

The Universal Food Chopper is one—$1.75. It chops all kinds of meat, vegetables or fruit, fine or coarse, without mashing. It does in a minute the work of half an hour with chopping knife and bowl.

Four kinds of enameled ware—Aluminum ware. Every convenience on the market.

Reliable Gas Ranges.

There is no other gas range that even compares with the Reliable. Come and we will show you twenty points in which it excells all others.

We know this range because we have sold it for years—sold hundreds of them. There has never yet been the least complaint on one.

It excells in economy, in convenience, in baking qualities. It is superior at every point which wise buyers consider. We cannot tell you here what we can show you when you come. We can only invite you on the promise that you will be glad you came.

Forty-five styles from $13.50 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

NEW GOODS

at store of

D. C. YOUNG.

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FOR MID-WINTER TRADE.

Please call and examine same, also note reduction in prices of many things preparatory to taking an inventory of stock. . . .

D. C. YOUNG.

SMETHPORT, PA.

Dec. 20, 1899.

SHOES

THE BEST

CHEAPEST

FOR LADIES

GENTLEMEN

CHILDREN

CALL AND SEE

W. T. SEGER,

REILLY BLOCK. SMETHPORT, PA.

1900
Good Will Basket

As a mark of appreciation of the patronage of our friends during the past year, and to multiply our customers for this year, we will for one day only

Saturday, January 13, 1900,

place on sale a big snap. This is what our offer means:

1 Market Basket,	01
1 Box Pepper,	03
1 Bottle Eagle Bluing, 1 qt	03
1 Can White Clover Syrup,	05
1 Can Tomatoes,	05
1 Can Corn,	05
5 Bars Soap,	05
1 Pound Prunes,	08
1 Bottle Jersey Pure Catsup,	10
1 Package Gold Dust, 4 pounds	10
1 Pound Best Golden Rio Coffee,	20
1 2 Pound Best Japan Tea.	25
	1.00

This [illegible] at a modest profit would cost you $[illegible] sold at a loss, as a good-will offering it costs you just

$1.00 Cash.

First come, first served. These are all high-grade goods, same brands as you have been getting from us right along.

Meanwhile the great Cloak Sale goes merrily on.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,
Smethport, Pa.

Mail orders carefully executed.

How's Your Frame

of mind, concerning pictures? You should preserve your present likeness for coming years, if nothing else. The latest and best effects always to be found at "Ike's" studio.

Have You Any Pictures

That need framing? You can find a full assortment of stylish mouldings, &c., of the latest design here. A nice frame beautifies and preserves a picture. Come and look them over.

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE.

HAMLIN'S
Hardware & Crockery.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, only 97 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 120 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

Cheap fuel oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and, on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,600, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings, a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1480 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Bring in your job work.

—Hamlin's hardware adv.

—Look at Ol' Man Racket.

—Kane now has an all night telephone service.

—This is a good time to plant advertising for spring trade.

—Geo. W. Eddie and Chas. H. Hyatt were released from jail to-day.

—The Insurance Underwriters of McKean county met here to-day.

—Andrews & Conkling of Olean tell you of some wonderful bargains.

—The Bradford papers say there are several cases of scarlet fever in the city.

—Dr. John Clark has placed a fine street light in front of his new building.

—Candidates for borough and township offices are beginning to come forth.

—"Ike" Simons at his old stand in Bradford invites you to come and see him.

—Mrs. Jane Conklin of Bradford has been granted an original pension of $8 per month.

—Hogarth & Company have men at work erecting an ice house in the rear of their store.

—Reports come from Bradford that Joe McCarty, who is there in the hospital, is improving.

—A postal card of inquiry as to cloaks, to H. W. Marcus at Olean will receive prompt attention.

—Bradford city Republican primaries will be held Monday evening, Jan. 15, from 6:30 to 7 p. m.

—The MINER desires to tender to Brother Lindsley, of the Democrat, thanks for favors rendered this week.

—The oil well on the Young farm in Moody Hollow was shot on Monday and considerable oil was thrown out.

—The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railroad give an excursion to their many Smethport friends to-day.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. have a change of advertisement in this issue. After reading the same give them a call.

—Strong efforts are being put forth to organize another co-operative glass plant here with favorable prospects of success.

—Greenewald, of Bradford, has a new advertisement in this issue. Read it and be convinced that he means business.

—Bert Helme and Miss Lizzie Gallup of Cuba, were married in September, 1898, but the fact was not announced until last week.—Ceres Mail. Who says a woman can't keep a secret.

—Business is improving. Miss Bessie Scanlon of Colegrove is an assistant at the Western Union telegraph office.

—It has been suggested that Christian Herzog possesses good councilmanic timber. He is a careful painstaking business man.

—The Clarion State Normal School admits students at any time and always affords chances for such studies as a student may wish to pursue.

—W. F. Specht and C. A. Burdick entertained the McKean county Insurance Underwriters with a banquet at the Grand Central to-day.

—The MINER is in receipt of a fine calendar sent by H. M. Rumsey, cashier of the Salem National bank at Salem, N. J., issued by that institution.

—Dr. Burg Chadwick commenced moving his large stock of drugs and fancy goods last Tuesday into his new building just a few doors west of his former location.

—Last Saturday Hon. Henry Hamlin purchased of E. T. Daly a fine two-seated sleigh and cutter. The sleigh is one of the nobbiest turnouts to be found in this section.

—F. A. Stober & Co., of Warren, have sent the MINER a fine calendar, in fact a work of art for 1900. When in need of a smoke secure a Spanish hand made 5c cigar.

—Miss Elida Wilber of San Francisco, says the Philadelphia Sunday Times, two years ago was discovered in an unconscious condition and has remained so until a few days ago, when she began to revive.

—Messrs. Dodge & Sherburne have placed a new sleigh on the road for delivery of milk. It was manufactured by C. W. Lilgendahl and is one of the neatest rigs of that kind to be found anywhere.

—Edward Burke, who was injured last November by being run over by an engine at the Main street crossing in Bradford died of blood poisoning at the Bradford hospital shortly after midnight yesterday.

—Division Passenger Agent E. S. Harrer of the Pennsylvania Railway has been promoted. His supervision now reaches as far as Baltimore. Mr. Harrer has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway company for 35 years.

—Married at Perry, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1899, by Rev. D. C. Hersell, Mr. Homer S. Emery, of Perry, to Miss Elizabeth Farr, of Smethport, Pa. The happy couple left on the early train Monday morning for Ohio, where they intend to make their future home.

—The Smethport Athletic Association has leased the large store room in the Backus building, including the basement, which will be used for shower baths and toilet. The front of the store will be used for a gymnasium and the rear part for a card and reading room.

—James Gresham, a Brooklyn inventor, has devised a revolving ship that he expects to be able to cross the Atlantic in three days' time. The outside shell revolves and has flanges that will force this particular craft through the water at the rate of a mile a minute.

—Read Ol' Man Racket's advertisement. He starts out this week with more trouble on his hands. His many patrons have learned that his place of business is a wonderful place for bargains and his business is increasing daily. Be sure to read his ad from beginning to end.

—Smethport Hose Co., No. 1, desires through the MINER, to thank Mr. C. M. Colegrove and his mother, Mrs. E. H. Colegrove, for their liberal donations for services rendered in saving their barns at the recent Gifford fire on Green street. Mr. Colegrove gave $20 and Mrs. Colegrove $5.

—The committee of arrangements for the Traveler's Club banquet consisted of Miss Lena Wright, chairman, Mrs. Sheridan Gorton, Mrs. Etta Powell Hogarth, Mrs. Burg Chadwick and Miss Lucy Wright; musical director, Mrs. H. C. Wells. Much credit is due these able committees.

—Judge Arnold of Philadelphia has issued a decree restoring to membership in a beneficial organization a man who had been expelled because, while drawing sick benefits, he was obliged to serve on a jury. The court decided that jury service is not work in the general meaning of the latter word.

—The latest accounts of young Churchill's escape from the Boers remind a contemporary of Artemus Ward's "De Jones, the Corsehair of the Gulf": "For sixteen years the Corsehair of the Gulf was confined in a loathsome dungin, not tastin' of food durin' all that time. When a lucky thawt struck him! He opened the winder and got out!"

—Fred Nourse has discovered a new kind of horse medicine. Last week one of his best horses was very sick, in fact, so ill that Fred gave up all hopes of even attempting a cure, and to put the horse out of misery concluded to give him a dose of poison. The moment that the poison was administered the animal began to improve and is now is now in a fair way to recover.

—On Friday the writer was shown through the new dwelling house of Morris Hall, on East Main street. This is a very convenient house, being perfectly arranged for two families. There is abundant room on each floor and the space has been so utilized that every crook and turn is advantageous. Mr. Hall did most of the work himself and is pardonably proud of his new home.

—At about 7:15 o'clock on Sunday morning people were aroused from their slumbers by the persistent tooting of the railroad engine whistles. It seems that the watchman at the round house in getting the engine ready backed it through the west end of the building, severing a gas pipe which started a blaze. The engine ran off the rails. Henry Hallman arrived on the scene and the flames were soon extinguished without the aid of the hose company.

—North Star Lodge, Scandinavian Brotherhood of America, held a most enjoyable social session at Malta hall, its headquarters, last night. A fine literary and musical program was rendered in a most pleasing manner and an address was made by Mr. Carl Engstrom, of Kane, supreme president of the order. A splendid supper was served according to the Swedish method. The food provided had been imported from Sweden. The occasion was very enjoyable and a complete success in every way. Among the out of town guests were Messrs. Schelin and Blade of Olean.—Wednesday Era.

—The Week of Prayer is being observed this week in the Methodist Episcopal church. It is a union service, Rev. Ware of the Baptist church uniting with the pastor, Dr. Walker. The meetings thus far have been well attended and full of interest. The pastor will preach next Sabbath morning a sermon on "The Twentieth Century Thank Offering." In the evening, subject: "Reason and Revelation; or Paul Before Felix." It is the plan of the pastor to continue the services next week, Rev. Tubbs, of Colegrove, preaching Monday night, Jan. 14. The general public is most cordially invited to attend these services.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Jan. 6, 1900: Edw. Buckis, Major Bardick, Fred A. Crookston, Lester DeShetler, Homer S. Emery (2), H. B. McDonald, Geo. Prindle (2), Chas. Schneider, Capt. Tom Wright; foreign, Mike Marretie, Giovanni F. Felicant, Levi Picquet. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Herman Carr, of Jamestown, N. Y., at the first of the year accepted a position with Messrs. Lindholm & Co. in their store. Mr. Carr comes highly recommended and judging by the tone of satisfaction of the firm his lines must have fallen in a pleasant place. He is a young man of prepossessing appearance and one whom it is a pleasure to meet. The MINER welcomes him to Smethport.

—There are some curious facts about our calendar. No century can begin on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. The same calendars are used every twenty years. October always begins on the same day of the week as January, April as July, September as December, February, March and November begin on the same days. May, June and August always begin on different days from each other and every other month in the year. The first and last days of the year are always the same. These rules do not apply to leap year, when comparison is made between days before and after February 29th.—Ex.

—Last Friday night a party of young people started for Port Allegany to enjoy a sleighride. Just beyond Bush hill they encountered a snow drift which upset the entire party. The team proceeded towards Port, leaving the young people in the snow. The team after proceeding quite a distance concluded to return home, which they accordingly did. In the meantime the ladies sought shelter at a farm house while the young men trudged after the team. How they did rejoice when they met the runaways coming back. Matters were finally arranged, when all proceeded to Port Allegany arriving there about 12 o'clock at night.

—On Friday afternoon the residents of East Smethport were entertained by a lawsuit at the office of Justice O. T. Chase. It seems that some time ago Isaac Duntley purchased a calf of Andrew Bush for which, Mr. Bush avers, he promised to pay $10. Mr. Duntley says the sum promised was but $8, and having paid that amount refused to pay any more, hence the suit to recover the $2. The calf was in evidence and competent judges thought the animal to be worth $10. The justice thought so, too, and instructed the defendant to give Mr. Bush a judgment for the $2 in question and pay the costs of prosecution, enhancing the value of the calf $10 more.

—In the course of a single year a newspaper like The Illustrated Buffalo Express gives its readers two or three long serial stories by famous writers, each making a volume when reprinted, another volume or two of bright short stories, several volumes of illustrated travel and adventure, and the equivalent of what the best magazines offer in the way of carefully-prepared articles on all subjects relating to the world's progress. In addition to all this, the news service of The Express is famous for its fullness and the care with which it is edited. In no other form can so much of genuine worth be had dollar for dollar, as in a newspaper of the class of which the best exponent is The Illustrated Buffalo Express.

—The MCKEAN MINER says that the new century begins on Monday of this week. If Editor Olson will hunt up his old Daball's arithmetic he will find that it takes one hundred years to make a century and that the nineteenth century has just completed ninety-nine years.—Potter Journal. Say Colcord, the MINER did not suppose for a moment that one week's lay off during the holidays would have such an effect on your eyes. Kindly read what the MINER said on that question in the issue of December 28th, and then apologize to your readers, by saying that your glasses were not in the proper focus, when you alleged that the MINER claimed "the new century begins Monday of this week."

—In presenting prizes at the high school for girls, in London, the other day the Bishop of London remarked that he was much struck by the answers he received when he put to ladies of wealth, education and position the question: "What would you do for a living if your wealth were swept away?" Some—and there were very many—said they would "go on the stage;" apparently almost every other young lady thought she was a born actress. Others said they would be singers or hospital nurses. Generally the answer was, "Oh, I suppose I should have to become a general servant; and a very bad one I should be." The bishop very wisely remarked that there ought to be some definite purpose animating the studies and work of all girls. At the age of 14, or even before, they should begin to have preferences and cultivate these preferences, so that they might have a knowledge of what they wanted and what they aimed at. There was nothing, he added, so lamentable as a life devoid of interests.—Buffalo Commercial.

Philadelphia S. S. Teachers' Institute.

The first term of this notable advance in preparing Sabbath school teachers for their great work closed with Christmas holidays. It was a great success and the faculty, composed of Rev. Drs. Tupper, MacMullen and Erdman, with Profs. Brumbaugh and Dager, and the special lecturers, met and planned for still more helpful work for S. S. teachers, commencing January 2d. The institute met for the first term at the University of Pennsylvania, accepting the courtesy of Provost C. C. Harrison, but the next will commence at Epiphany Church building, 15th and Chestnut streets, and the institute evenings will be Tuesday and Thursday from 8 o'clock to 9:30. All Sunday school teachers are invited to avail themselves of this splendid school. Full information at the Philadelphia County S. S. Association office, 913 Crozer Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

To Cure a Cough

stop coughing, as it irritates the lungs and doesn't give them any chance to heal. Foley's Honey and Tar cures without causing a strain in throwing off the phlegm like common cough expectorants. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

HAVE YOU SEEN those ANTI JAR brackets for the Welsbach lights? Save's mantels. At HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

DO YOU KNOW that Holmes & Gilfillan have the lumber, hardware, paint and EVERYTHING to build a house.

PAINT your home with HAMMAR PAINT—be up to date. Cheapest and best at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

E. T. Daly calls attention to his fine line of cutters. Do not fail to call on him. t.f.

Subscribe for the MINER.

Husbands and Sweethearts Banqueted by the Travelers' Club.

Wednesday evening, January 10, the Traveler's Club banqueted their husbands and their sweethearts at the Wright House. The weather was anything but exhilerating, but this was more than made up by the good cheer within. The club is justly noted for its hospitality, and this function more than outshone its former efforts. The ladies were lovely, their gowns were perfect and they entertained us charmingly. The pleasant parlors of the Wright House were pleasantly decorated with the club colors, yellow and white. Music and recitations filled up the time until the calling [illegible] to "banquet [illegible]" and all were ready to "take the goods the gods had provided for them." The dining hall had been beautifully draped in yellow and white, while the dainty, vining asparagus lent its freshness to complete the charming effect. Yellow and white carnations graced the table and everywhere could be seen the skill of the artists who had wrought this pleasing picture. The feast was one of the kind for which the Wright is celebrated. It was abundant, it was toothsome and it was daintily served. And, indeed, "a very merry, talking, drinking, laughing, quaffing and unthinking time" ensued until Mrs. Young, as toastmistress, warned us that a little sober sense yet remained on the menu. She said:

"The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts and the great aim in life is to have as many of them as possible."

A Few Passing Thoughts, Mrs. Bell responded to this toast.

"With thee conversing I forget all time."

Much Ado About Nothing, responded to by Miss Dibble.

"That our sons may grow up as the young plants and our daughters as the polished corners of the temple."

Our Daughters. Mrs Keenan gave the response to this toast.

"What! shall this speech be spoke for our excuse, or shall we on without apology?"

Why Do Women Join Clubs? Responded to by Mrs. McCoy.

"The best we can do for each other is to exchange our thoughts and that, after all, is but little."

Our Club. Mrs. Pierce answered to this toast.

"Be bright and jovial among our guests to-night."

Our Guests. Mrs. Weisz responded to this final toast.

All too soon the toastmistress gave the signal for us to leave the banquet hall, and reluctantly we donned our outer garments, said "good bye" to our charming entertainers and passed out into the night, saying in our hearts:

"For let them [illegible] our hostesses [illegible]
Young or ancient, I care not a feather,
So fill a pint bumper quite up to the brim
And let us e'en toast thee together."
So say we all.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Saw Mill Burned.

The Cross Fork News of last week, in speaking of the fire which occurred on New Years Day, says:

"At about 7:30 Monday morning the whistle at the mill sounded the alarm of fire and all were at once on the lookout to find where the fire was. The people were not long in doubt, as word was soon passed around that the big mill was on fire and was doomed. In much less time than it takes to tell it hundreds of willing people were on the spot ready to assist in any way possible to save whatever they could. The fire was discovered in the cellar department directly under the gang saws in big mill and was only about as large as a good sized pail, but spread with such rapidity that before water could be put on it had enveloped all of that portion of the mill in a solid sheet of flame. All the hose was put in use but to no avail as the working of the big pump was cut off by the fire, and all the water supply depended on the outside water plugs which, as usual in cases of emergency, never work satisfactorily when most needed. The flames soon spread to the little mill and all attention was turned toward saving the machine shop and other outbuildings, and cutting off the avenues for the spread of the flames to the lumber piles by tearing down sections of the docks. By the heroic efforts of the men, the fire was held in check without further spread and the machine shop, planing mill and dock office was saved, together with the engine house, hose house and a few other small buildings.

"The fire was supposed to have originated either by a lantern exploding or upsetting and is not definitely known, but when discovered and water procured it was well under way and by the time the hose was connected it was beyond control. The boilers are not damaged to any great extent, and perhaps the engine can be fixed up.

"It is a bad blow for Cross Fork and one which will be felt for some time to come, as many laboring men are out of work and the dead of winter is here. The Lackawanna Lumber Company's payroll foots up a good round sum each month and this industry together with the stave and heading factory comprise the backing of Cross Fork's present resources. Thus it will be seen how it affects our town."

Loss about $50,000, partially insured.

What the Law Says.

The question has been asked as to whether a person can legally hold two offices and draw pay for both at one and the same time. The following is self explanatory:

Constitution of Pennsylvania, Article II, Section 6. "No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office under this commonwealth, and no member of congress or other person holding any office (except of attorney-at-law or in the militia) under the United States or this commonwealth shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office."

Laws of Pennsylvania of 1874, section 15, of an act entitled "Declaring what offices are incompatible," approved May 15, 1874, by Governor J. F. Hartranft. See Public Laws of 1874, page 185, section 15:

"No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office under this commonwealth; and no member of congress or other person holding any office, except of attorney-at-law or in the militia under the United States or in this commonwealth, shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office. They shall receive no other compensation, fees or perquisites of office for their services from any source, nor hold any other office of profit under the United States, this state or any other state."

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have about 50 beautiful gold fish for sale. They are beauts and no mistake. Come early and secure first choice. t f

If Banner Salve

doesn't cure your piles, your money will be refunded. It is the most healing medicine in the world. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

If you intend PAINTING in the spring, ask Holmes & Gilfillan for "Truths about HAMMAR PAINT."

PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible] A. Morse [illegible] in Olean yesterday.

N. W. Hemenway of Colegrove was in town on business yesterday.

John [illegible] of [illegible] at the court house Tuesday.

[illegible] T. H. Ryan transacted business in Kane the first of the week.

M. [illegible] of Farmers Valley was a [illegible] caller Tuesday.

[illegible] Bayer of Clermont was enjoying Smethport entertainment Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sartwell of Olean are greeting their many friends in town to-day.

County Commissioner Albert [illegible] and Clerk S. D. Weaver spent Sunday in Kane.

[illegible]

Gustave [illegible] dropped into the MINER office for a pleasant chat last Monday afternoon.

[illegible] and Hon. Henry Hamlin were in Port Allegany on a [illegible] Monday.

Editor A. D. [illegible] of the [illegible] Eagle was a very pleasant caller at this office this morning.

Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa was observed on our streets yesterday, talking railroad to beat the cars.

R. K. Golding of the Kane Republican was a most welcome caller at the MINER office Friday.

Editor C. O. Lawson of the Port Allegany Reporter was calling on old friends in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hamlin departed for Geneva this morning for an extended visit.

David Howells and Rev. G. W. Hall, well of Kane were greeting their many friends in town to-day.

Gus Davis visited Buffalo Tuesday afternoon on business connected with the Backus Safety Check Hook Co.

Thomas McKean of Wilcox arrived in town yesterday, his first visit in two years. Too busy to come sooner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyness of Detroit, Mich., arrived in town yesterday and are guests at the Wright House.

C. W. Grout and Arthur Sweetland, two of Hazelhurst's prominent citizens, transacted business in town Tuesday.

John Forrest accompanied his daughter, Miss Ruth, to Buffalo Tuesday, where she has gone to resume her studies.

Attorney J. S. Rogers and Editor Swasher of the News of Mt. Jewett were welcome callers at the MINER office Monday.

Sheriff W. R. Clarke and wife visited Bradford Monday. They are making preparation to commence housekeeping soon.

Misses Jenette Hamlin and Helen Forrest returned to Washington last Tuesday. Miss Agnes McCoy accompanied them. She went to DeLand, Florida, for the winter.

Allen Kile was a most welcome caller at the MINER office last Friday. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kile moved back to their former home at Roulette, after spending almost a year at the home of Mr. Havens near this boro.

F. [illegible] of Newell was a most welcome caller at the MINER office Friday last. Mr. [illegible] has recently moved his family to Olean where he [illegible] residence on State street near the park, where they are pleasantly domiciled.

Tom Morrison left Sunday evening for Philadelphia and New York. Tuesday evening he attended the Alumni banquet in the latter city of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Tom is president of the Massachusetts Alpha chapter of Williams.

W. W. Tate, the prominent cigar man of Wellsboro, was greeting old friends in town Friday last. Mr. Tate is one of the fortunate stockholders in the new oil well at the mouth of Long Run, one mile east of [illegible], recently developed.

J. F. Keating, one of Clermont's prominent citizens, was a most welcome caller at the MINER office Friday. Would that more of the MINER'S many patrons would follow the example of Mr. Keating and thus lighten the burdens of a poor newspaper man.

Chas. Miller, the popular clerk at the Central, visited Kane last Friday to participate in the Masonic banquet given by the fraters there that night. As an after dinner speaker Mr. Miller is a success and there is no question but what he captured the Kane [illegible] with his eloquence.

The Way She Did It.

A woman, whose husband is an editor, one day said to him, "Typesetting looks so easy, I know I could do it just as well as anything. Let me help."

Although Hanscom is his own compositor, he didn't accept this offer at once. But his wife was in the office alone one day when a wedding notice was brought in by Mr. John Jackson. "Oh," she said, gleefully, "I'll set this up and slip it in the form, and won't George be surprised when he sees it in print!" It therefore appeared as follows in the next issue of the paper:

maRRied: at The ReSpongeE Of The BRIDes palientsts on wenday eveng sep 1889 7 8sl Mr. Juho jacknes to miss ka ly naRt ttt the Gersn Gv—was seffrom by Revv. mR Decem Ion the reaence oF a large number of FRedsn of the gauny couple & was a BeRyy joyful Occsino. Mr anD mrss will be at Hoem to their frl— at 871 hth st aft ofto 10.—Ex.

Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Manager Martin of the Pierson drug store informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of la grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action. South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe. Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never-failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

"I want to let the people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. It is the best liniment I have ever known of.—J. A. Dodgen, Alpharetta, Ga. Thousands have been cured of rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieves the pain. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

L. I. Travis, Agent Southern R. R., Selma, Ga., writes, "I cannot say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

G. H. Appleton, Justice of the Peace, Clarksburg, N. J., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others." Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

For Sale.

The Sprague brick building at corner of Main and Fulton streets. Inquire of W. D. Gallup or write Mrs. Emma J. Sprague, Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted.

Thirty-five or forty wood cutters can find employment by calling on the undersigned.

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About the first of March Messrs. Shelton & Torrence will open a first class merchant tailoring establishment in the new Chadwick building on Main street. 1-16

LIGHT UP—that goes to Holmes & Gilfillan's for your lights, mantles and globes. Best and cheapest.

WANTED—At the Grand Central, Smethport, Pa., a girl who can do laundry or dining room work.

The finest of room moulding, 50 varieties to select from. Call on F. Koenig, Water street.

HAMMAR PAINT and pure linseed oil is what you want. Holmes & Gilfillan.

P. H. C.

What is the P. H. C.? It is one of the greatest fraternities in existence. Smethport Circle No. 25 has been of late gathering in new members to a great extent. We have had initiation every Wednesday for some time and we now number one hundred and twenty-eight in good standing and expect to initiate two this week. Last Friday evening some of the Circle thought as it was good sleighing we would go out and surprise Sister Amanda and Brothers George and James Huckett. There were fifty-six that went, twenty of them from East Smethport. Sister Huckett looked very much surprised when we went in and I think she thought where she'd put them all, but she found plenty of room for us and I think she could have taken care of more. About half past ten some of the sisters went out and prepared lunch and I for one can say we did justice to it. We missed Brother George for a while and when we saw him again he had popped about fifty quarts of corn and we had a feast at his expense. I think we all belonged to the several committees Friday evening by the music and games we enjoyed. At twelve o'clock we bid our friends good night and went out and packed ourselves into the sleighs and came home without any accident, but I forgot to say that we had Brother Dr. Ostrander along with us in case of an accident. I think we can all say it was an evening well spent and one to be remembered.

Correspondence.

FARMERS VALLEY

Mr. R. M. Swift, who has spent the fall on grade work on the Shawmut R. R., left Saturday evening for St. Marys, his former home. He made many friends while here by genial manly conduct. All hope for his return when work is resumed.

On Friday evening a jolly load of Valley people visited the [illegible] Glass Works at Port Allegany and enjoyed the sleighing which was fine.

Messrs. Sweet & Kendall were in the Valley Friday and Saturday, paying the workmen on the Shawmut road.

Several Valley people were down to Moody Hollow to see the new well shot. It is reported a fair well.

The missionary society will give a missionary tea at the parsonage Thursday afternoon.

Mina Tuttle of Coryville is the guest of her cousin, Lyman Rickard, for a few days.

The young people enjoyed the splendid skating on Wednesday evening.

Fred Rowley and son of Port Allegany are visiting at Thos. Goodwin's.

C. C. Decker and family visited George Boyer of Crosby on Sunday.

Mrs. Lenora Martin is suffering from a severe attack of lumbago.

Mrs. Emma Moore of Ormsby is staying at Mrs. J. C. Stull's.

Mrs. J. C. Stull visited Turtle Point on Wednesday.

The Valley twins visited Olean friends on Saturday.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Downs' Elixir if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough or throat trouble. We also guarantee Downs' Elixir to cure constipation, when used according to directions, or money back. A full dose on going to bed and small doses during the day will cure the most severe cold, and stop the most distressing cough.

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It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every state in the union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventive and cure for croup. It has become the universal remedy for that disease. M. V. Fisher of Liberty, W. Va., only repeats what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

J. I. Bevry, Loganton, Pa., writes: "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." It quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grip and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

E. B. Fairfield, Health Inspector of Chicago, says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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The New Four Hundred, the smallest American watch made, and will keep good time. We put these movements in a fine 14 k filled case, guaranteed for 20 years, and are selling them for a short time only for $15.00. We have a fine line of watches, diamonds, clocks, silverware, cut glass and a general line of fine jewelry. Scientific examination of the eyes free.

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Dickenson's Grocery,
Reilly Block,
Smethport, Penn'a.

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25 per cent. Discount Sale

The first loss is the best loss—that's the principle we work on. If we carried our heavy weight suits and overcoats over to next fall we'd probably have to sell them at a loss then; how much better it is to take our loss now—to get the money out of the goods and invest it in new goods—to keep our stock clean and fresh.

We believe that we are on the right track, so here we go, commencing January 6 we will offer a uniform discount of one-fourth off on all Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits and Overcoats, and all winter clothing of every description.

This Means a $20.00 Suit or Overcoat for $15.00.
This Means a $15.00 Suit or Overcoat for $11.25.
This Means a $12.00 Suit or Overcoat for $9.00.
This Means a $10.00 Suit or Overcoat for $7.50.
This Means an $8.00 Suit or Overcoat for $6.00.
This Means a $6.00 Suit or Overcoat for $4.50.
This Means a $4.00 Suit or Overcoat for $3.00.

Trousers, Underwear, Caps, Gloves, Children's Clothing all discounted. Remember the date the trouble commences and be on hand. Leave one-fourth of what you expected to pay at home, the balance will pay for the goods. We always do as we advertise and our patrons know it.

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Having purchased our pictures direct and buying the quantity we received them at jobbers prices. Call and price them.

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We have added a line of sterling and plated ware this fall and can quote prices as cheap as you can buy in the cities.

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Pocket books, prayer books, Hymnals, Bibles, Traveling Sets, etc.

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THE POEM.

He lifted his head
And the Vision that stood there smiled.
"Oh Poet" she said
"I have come at thy bidding, no child
Of thy fancy dead
But living and breathing as thou!
Take me now!

His heart how it burned!
But he thought, "Tis a dream. If I move,
It will vanish" and yearned
With an infinite yearning and strove
With his doubts till she turned—
She, the Vision—and sorrowful went
Ere he knew her intent.

He leapt to his feet
And seized on her undulant veil,
With its odor as sweet
As the Maytime and lo it did trail
In his hand all complete!
She had gone and he cherished, forlorn,
The veil she had worn

The veil he upraised
He showed it to men and they cried
As they noted amazed
The diaphanous wonder "What pride
Of invention!" and praised
But sweeter and sadder he grew
And replied, "If you knew!"
—Henry Bannister Merwin in Atlantic

HIS THIRTIETH BIRTHDAY

On That Day He Decided to Renounce Preferment For the Girl He Loved.

By Lloyd Osborne

His thirtieth birthday His first youth was behind him with all its heartburnings its failures its manifold humiliations What had he done these years past but drift, forlorn, penniless and unattached, over those shallows where others had stuck and prospered?

In the colonies he had toiled unremittingly in half a hundred characters, groom, cook boundary rider, steamer roustabout, always sinking, always failing Had life nothing more for him than an endless succession of not empty days on the farthest beach of Upolu, with scarcely more to eat than the commonest Kanaka and no other outlet for his energies than the bartering of salt beef for copra and an occasional night's fishing on the reef?

The noise of an incoming boat drew him to the door and he looked out to see the pastor's old whaler heading through the pass. A half grown girl leaped into the water and hastened up to the store with something fastened in a banana leaf It was a letter which she shyly handed to the trader

Walter Kinross looked at it with surprise, for it was the first he had received for four years, and the sight of its English stamp and familiar handwriting filled him with something like awe:

> My Dear Nephew—I know you're pretty old to come back and start life afresh here, but if you haven't had the unmitigated folly to get married out there and tied by the leg forever I'll help you to make a new start, if you have the grit to do it. You shan't starve if $1,500 a year will keep you, and if you will try and turn over a new leaf and make a man of yourself in good earnest I am prepared to mark you down substantially in my will.
>
> But, mind, no promises, payment strictly by results. You're no longer a boy, and this is probably the last chance you'll ever get of entering civilized life again and meeting respectable folk. I inclose you a draft at sight on Sydney for $1,250 for you will doubtless need clothes, etc, as well as your passage money, and if you decide not to return you can accept it as a present from your old uncle. Affectionately yours,
>
> ALFRED BARWICK.

The house could not contain him and his eager thoughts he must needs feel the sky overhead and the trades against his cheek, and take all nature into his puny confidence Besides, Vaiala had now a new charm for him, one he had never counted on to find

Hard and lonely though his life had been, this Samoan bay was endeared to him by a thousand pleasant memories and even by the recollection of his past unhappiness Here he had found peace and love, freedom from taskmasters, scenes more beautiful than any picture, and, not least, a sufficiency to eat

A little money, and his life might have been tolerable, even happy, enough money for a good sized boat, a cow or two and those six acres of the Pascoe estate he had so often longed to buy How often had he talked of it with Leata, who had been no less eager than himself to harness their quarter acre to the six and make them all his little paradise. Poor Leata, whom he had taken so lightly from her father's house and paid for in gunpowder and kegs of beef, his smiling soft eyed Leata, who would have died for him! What was to become of her in this new arrangement of things

By this time he had worked quite round the bay, and almost without knowing it he found himself in front of Paul Englebert's store Englebert was the other trader in Vaiala, a peppery, middle aged Prussian who had been a good friend of his before those seven breadfruit trees had come between them

He recalled Englebert's rough jovial kindness, remembered how Paul had cared for him through the fever, and helped him afterward with money and trade How could he have been so petty as to make a quarrel of these breadfruit trees? Poor old Paul! It was a shame they hadn't spoken these two years

On the veranda, barefoot and in striped pyjamas, was Englebert pretending not to see him To Kinross as he walked up the path and mounted the veranda stairs the man looked old and sick, and not a little changed.

"How do you do Englebert" he said

The German looked at him with smoldering eyes. "Gant you see I'm busy?" he said.

"You might offer a man a chair" said Kinross, seating himself on the tool chest.

"Dere is no jare for dem dat isn't welcome," said the German

"I used to be welcome here" said Kinross. "There was a time when you were a precious good friend of mine, Paul Englebert."

"Dat wass long ago" said the trader

"I've been thinking" said Kinross "that I've acted like a fool about those trees"

"Dat wass what I was dinking too, dese two-dree years," responded the other

"Take them, they are yours," said Kinross "You can build your fence there tomorrow"

"So!" said Englebert with dawning intelligence "De Yerman gonsul has at last to my gomplaint listened"

"Hang the German consul! No!" cried Kinross, "I do it myself because I was wrong, because you were good to me that time I was sick and lent me the $100 and the trade"

"And you want noding?" asked Englebert, still incredulous

"I want to shake your hand and be friends again old man" said Kinross "same as we used to be when we played dominos every night, and you'd tell me about the Austrian war and how the prince divided the cigars with you when you were wounded."

The German looked away "Oh Kinross" he said, with a queer shining look in his eyes "you make me much ashamed" He turned suddenly round and wrung the Englishman's hand in an iron grasp "I too wass fool Ho Malia, de beer!"

His strapping native wife appeared with bottles and mugs. At the sight of their guest she could scarcely conceal her surprise

"Prosit," said Englebert, touching glasses "You know dem six agers of de Pascoe estate" he said looking very hard at his companion "very nice little place very sheep yoost behind your store?"

Kinross nodded, but his face fell in spite of himself

"I from the American gonsul bought him," went on the German, "very sheep—$200 Chile money"

Kinross looked black

"Dey are yours Pay me back when you have de money I buy dem only to spite you My friend take dem"

"I—I—I fully" cried Kinross "I don't know what to say how to thank you! Only this morning I got money from home and the first thing I meant to do was to buy them"

"All de better" said Englebert "and my boy, you blunt gaffer, I's de gof fer dit bits and I will get you blunty kettle drees from my friend de gap tain in Utumbau blantation Yoost one glass beer Ho Malia de beer"

Kinross tore himself away with difficulty and started homeward his heart swelling with kindness for the old Prussian He exulted in the six acres he had so nearly lost and they now seemed to him more precious than ever

Then he remembered he was leaving Vaiala and again he heard the hum of London in his ears

He found Leata sitting on the floor spelling out "The Good News From New Guinea," in the missionary magazine He sat down beside her and pressed her curly hair against his lips and kissed it

"Of all things in the world what wouldst thou like most, Leata?" he asked

"To have thee always near me Kinirosi" she answered "Before I had no understanding and was like the black people in the missionary book but now my heart is pained so full it is with love"

"But if I give thee a little bag of gold" he said, "and took thee to Apia my pigeon what wouldst thou buy?"

"First I would give $10 to the new church," she began "Then for my father I would buy an umbrella and a shiny bag in which he could carry his cartridges and tobacco when he goes to war for my mother, also an umbrella and a picture book like that of the missionary's with photographs of Queen Victoria and captains of men of war for my sister a Bible and a hymnbook and for my brother a little pigeon gun"

"Tomorrow we shall go to Apia and buy them," said Kinross "This morning the pastor brought me a letter from Britain with a present of many dollars"

"Oh, Kinirosi," she cried, "it was breaking my heart! I feared the letter would make you go back to the white man's country"

His resolution was taken, be it for good or evil "I shall never go back," he said.—Ainslee's Magazine

CHIEFS OF THE SULUS.

Each Has the Power of Life or Death Over His Subjects.

The social system among the Moros is much more primitive than it is among the greater part of the other Philippine races A chief or dato, controls a district. He has his own particular followers and his slaves Besides these he may command all the men of his own district in time of war He also has the right of life and death over his subjects For instance a few weeks before we arrived in Jolo, Data Jokanine had occasion to execute one of his followers. The man had been intrusted with money belonging to the dato The first time he came to his chief and said

"Oh great and benevolent dato, I have gambled away the money For give me!"

"Very well" said the dato "See that it does not happen again"

Once more the retainer came saying "Oh great and benevolent dato again have I gambled away thy money and again I beg thee in thy great mercy to forgive me"

"This is the second time I have forgiven thee" said Jokanine "but the third time I warn thee thou shalt die"

Yet again the unfortunate man returned without the money he had collected for the dato

"Oh dato" he cried, throwing himself at the feet of his chief, "I have sinned again and taken thy money! Mercy! Mercy!"

"Cut him down," said the dato to one of his men at arms The man offered no resistance and was cut to pieces with one of the great knives of the natives.—Harper's Weekly

BOOKS' NARROW ESCAPES

Virgil's "Æneid," Works of Aristotle and Talmud Saved by Good Luck

Three of the greatest books in the world have narrowly escaped destruction the "Æneid" of Virgil, the works of Aristotle and the great body of Jewish tradition represented by the Talmud

It is recorded that Virgil on his deathbed sought to burn the only copy of the "Æneid," as he had not revised it, and when he was foiled in this he ordered his executors Varro and Tucca not to give it to the world, a direction which was disregarded by order of the Emperor Augustus

The works of Aristotle suffered from neglect. They lay many years buried in a cellar and when, by mere accident, they were at last unearthed they were so damaged by damp and dirt that in many passages they are hopelessly corrupt. How great would have been the loss of this work to the human race may be judged from the fact that everything that was known in the middle ages of the arts and sciences was derived directly from these writings

The Talmud nearly became extinct through persecution The possession of the Talmud by a long series of edicts extending over many centuries was made penal and the book itself was burned No fewer than 24 wagon loads of Talmud manuscript were burned in France in 1244—Stray Stories

The Model's Hard Trial

Miss Siddal had a trying experience In order that the artist might get the proper set of the garments in water and the right atmosphere and aqueous effects, she had to lie in a large bath filled with water, which was kept at an even temperature by lamps placed beneath One day just as the picture was nearly finished the lamps went out unnoticed by the artist who was so intensely absorbed in his work that he thought of nothing else and the poor lady was kept floating in the cold water till she was nearly benumbed She herself never complained of this but the result was that she contracted a severe cold and her father an auctioneer at Oxford wrote to Millais threatening him with an action of £?? damages for his carelessness Millais paid the doctor's bill and Miss Siddal quickly recovering was none the worse for her cold bath—Life of Sir John Millais

Tommy's Speech

Sue (who has just been asked to play something on the piano)—I really can't play anything

Tommy—But, I say Sue why don't you play that piece you spoke to me about?

Sue—What piece?

Tommy—Why that one you told me to ask you to play when we had company cause you knew it better'n any of the others I forget the name

Then Tommy was sent to bed—Kansas City Independent

Born to Dominate.

Mrs Crowder has been president of your club a long time?

"Yes none of us could call her to order so we decided we might as well let her regulate the rest of us"—Chicago Record

A Blow to Superstition

"Jimmy's rabbit got drowned in our bathtub"

"Goodness! Didn't he have his left hind leg with him?"—Indianapolis Journal

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LIMITS OF SEED VITALITY

No Truth In Stories of Germination After Thousands of Years

The statement is frequently [illegible] in the popular press [illegible] that seeds have retained [illegible] for a long time Thus it is [illegible] wheat [illegible] its vitality for 50 or 100 years It has frequently been stated that wheat taken from Egyptian monuments [illegible] but [illegible] case is this germination [illegible] Not a single [illegible] ancient Egyptian [illegible] by various persons [illegible] known to germinate [illegible] tions for preserving the seed in the Egyptian monuments are better than in the soil They are protected from the air and variations of temperature The experiment which has been most talked of is that of the Count of Sternberg at Prague He had received the grain from a trustworthy traveler who told him that they were taken from a sarcophagus It is said that two of these seeds germinated but it is a well known fact that impostures are perpetrated by the people who dispose of these seeds In some cases they have even stripped corn or maize into these sarcophagi

Many experiments have been made not only in this country but in Europe to determine the vitality of various grain seeds Thus barley retains its vitality better than any other seed and this is said to retain its vitality from eight to ten years In the case of wheat 90 to 100 per cent germinates in from one to four years in five to seven years 8 to 87 per cent In the case of rye the percentage of germination in five years dropped to [illegible] per cent in seven years [illegible] per cent [illegible] years 1 per cent In the case [illegible] I made some experiments a few years ago to determine the vitality and found that corn which was kept in tightly closed vessels at the age of 20 years had lost all its power of germination Experiments also indicate that corn kept even a few years became largely deteriorated and lost much of its power of germination Even grass seed which have been buried at some depth in the soil and in vessels tightly sealed failed to germinate after a dozen or 15 years—Chicago [illegible]

THE QUEER CRUSTACEAN

Interesting Characteristics of Lobsters and Turtles

Lobsters when young [illegible] change their shell [illegible] a year but as they grow older and presumably more sedate they are content with a new suit every summer The lobster is [illegible] and persons who have watched the process say that the difficulty seems to lie in getting rid of the old garb and not in fitting the new [illegible] a series of convulsions lasting for several days During these a fracture of [illegible] of the [illegible] broader [illegible] The [illegible] piece is the first to [illegible] [illegible]

During this [illegible] entirely [illegible] tail inclosed Then the [illegible] movements are resumed and shell [illegible] shell the tail covering is [illegible] till with violent struggles [illegible] is free and the lobster [illegible] if [illegible] had [illegible] down for a sleep of two or three days

The new suit grows with great rapidity and fits [illegible] style literally molded to the form

Like the [illegible] ed when soft shelled that is precisely this period which is [illegible] both the [illegible] tures is equally delicious when thus denuded of his shell covering but as he hides carefully among the rocks he is seldom procurable—New York Tribune

AN EXAMPLE OF NERVE

Warden McClaughry's Experience With an Almost Escaped Prisoner

Speaking of nerve [illegible] detectives at headquarters [illegible] me of Chief McClaughry of Chicago He used to be warden at the state penitentiary down in Joliet [illegible] the reputation of being the coolest man in Illinois He was as shifty as any of the men he had to handle and [illegible] and calm about it as a regular Sherlock Holmes Nothing could [illegible]

One day McClaughry was sitting in his office at just [illegible] the time the men were being [illegible] to their cells from work He was alone There was a sound behind him and [illegible] round he saw a convict who had passed the guard in some way creeping toward him with an ugly looking iron bar in his hand

"Don't you stir" the man whispered "I'm going to get [illegible] of this if I have to kill you to do it"

"Oh McClaughry [illegible] I thought you were going tomorrow" The man stared at McClaughry [illegible]

"What" McClaughry simply looked at him as though he didn't care much and said "They sent up your dismissal papers this afternoon [illegible] You've been such a model prisoner all the time that they decided to commute your sentence You can go all right enough if you want to [illegible] not prisoner any more If you want to see your papers why [illegible] in the drawer [illegible] the poor fool could lift the bar to kill McClaughry had snapped [illegible] out of the desk and leveled it at his head—New York Sun

When He Turned Jap

A humorous touch in connection with Lafcadio Hearn's [illegible] Japanese was the [illegible] of his professorial salary from [illegible] month As a foreigner he drew a bigger salary than the native instructors but at this dinner [illegible] charge of [illegible] the university [illegible] now that Professor Hearn [illegible] one of them the first [illegible] would be [illegible] his salary [illegible] professor tried [illegible] joyed it

A Peculiar Plant

There is a species of plant growing in New South Wales which [illegible] flowers contain a [illegible] juice [illegible] used [illegible] eyebrows In Java the flowers are used for blacking shoes

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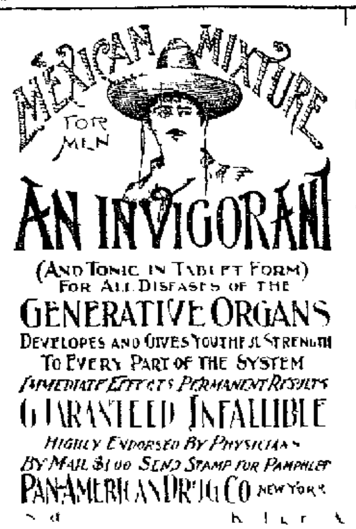

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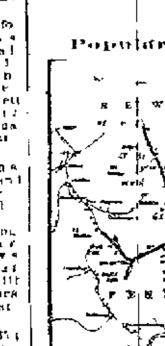

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